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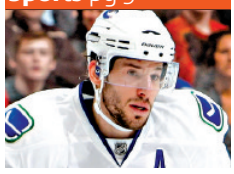

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B.C. to up drunk driving costs

Rules set to cut impaired driving deaths include penalties at lower blood alcohol level

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Drinking and driving in B.C. is about to get really expensive.

Drivers who fail a roadside breathalyzer can soon expect to pay almost $4,000 in fines, according to new legislation introduced in Victoria yesterday.

The new rules, which take effect in the fall, also impose sizable fines on drivers who have consumed roughly one to two beers, but are still under the legal limit.

"It's the body count on B.C. highways," said Solicitor General Mike de Jong.

Every year in British Columbia, he said, more than 100 people are killed and more than 3,000 people are injured from collisions involving impaired drivers.

The province aims to reduce alcohol-impaired driving fatalities by 35 per cent by 2013. The goal, de Jong added, is in memory of four-year-old Alexa Middelaer who was killed by an alleged drunk driver in Delta two years ago.

The penalties for failing a roadside screening include an automatic three-month driving ban and 30-day vehicle impoundment. They are in addition to any potential criminal charges, like impaired driving, that the driver could face.

Drivers who test in 'warn' range with a blood alcohol content of between 0.05 and 0.08 will now receive a driving ban and a fine.

The first incident results in a $200 fine and three-day ban, rising to a seven-day and $300 penalty for a second occurrence and 30-day and $400 for a third.

In addition, drivers who test in the 'warn' range will be charged a driver's licence reinstatement fee of $250 and around $150 for having their vehicle impounded for three days.

The new regulations are the strictest impaired driving rules in the country.

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TOTAL                                 $3,750
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KRISTEN THOMPSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Mayor Gregor Robertson, at podium, and members of council cheer as The Green Men dance outside city hall during a ceremony declaring yesterday Canucks Day. Robertson and Canucks mascot Fin raised the team's flag and handed out white towels for Round 2 of the playoffs, when the Canucks take on the Chicago Blackhawks.

Canucks flag flying high at city hall ahead of Round 2

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PLAYOFFS You may see Mayor Gregor Robertson cycling around Vancouver in a head-to-toe green unitard if the Canucks go all the way.

The Green Men — who sit next to the opposing team's penalty box and goad players during games — challenged Robertson yesterday to dress like them if the Canucks win the Stanley Cup.

"Maybe," Robertson said laughing, while being interviewed by the Green Men outside city hall after a flag-raising ceremony commemorating April 27 as Canucks Day.

"It's never too early to have the Canucks' flag flying (at city hall)," Robertson said.

Last year, Robertson bet on the Canucks-Blackhawks series with Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, and when the Canucks lost he had to send smoked salmon, chocolates and 2010 Olympic gear to Illinois.

The Canucks will face Chicago again for the second round, which starts on Saturday, and Robertson said he's going double or nothing against Daley.

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Canucks-Kings series a big draw on CBC

Game 6 between the Vancouver Canucks and L.A. Kings was watched by more than 2.8-million people, according to the CBC. The series was also the most watched on the network at 2.03 million viewers, edging the Ottawa-Pittsburgh series, which attracted two million people.

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Fighting his way off the streets

MMA competitor who was once homeless in pursuit of UFC dream

LAURA FORTEY
for Metro Vancouver

A former homeless man has gone from scraping by to scrapping for a living.

The 29-year-old fighter won the CACSC light-heavyweight title at the Extreme MMA National Amateur Championships held at Red Robinson Show Theatre in Coquitlam on Friday night.

The card was under the banner of the Canadian Amateur Combat Sports Council.

Brad Robinson moved to Vancouver from Toronto nine months ago strictly to advance his career, as MMA fighting is banned in Ontario.

"When I came here on the Greyhound, it was a one-way ticket ... I was prepared to sleep outside until something happened," he said.

Initially homeless, discipline learned through MMA training helped motivate him into finding work and getting an apartment, Robinson said.

When money was tight, running the seawall and hiking the Grouse Grind were cheap ways to train.

"I volunteered at the Gathering Place Community Centre in the weight room, so I got to work out for free and they were feeding me for volunteering," said Robinson.

At the Gathering Place, Robinson approached fellow gym-goer Haydn Coote for advice on promoting his career.

"I've stepped in and am acting as his manager," said Coote, who is also a former homeless person.

"I think Brad will be like a magnet ... People have approached me wanting me to train them as well," said Coote.

With amateur MMA not paying much, Robinson worked security for two companies until last week.

He was fired from one of them for taking Friday night off to fight. But that's OK, he said, because winning the CACSC title helps him get one step closer to realizing his dream of making it to the UFC, the world's largest MMA promotion.

LAURA FORTEY/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Brad Robinson, who was homeless for nearly two months, with the CACSC championship belt at World Gym fitness centre on Homer Street yesterday.

"When I came here on the Greyhound, it was a one-way ticket ... I was prepared to sleep outside until something happened."
Brad Robinson, fighter

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CanucksTweets

Metro asked: Do you have any playoff superstitions when cheering for the Canucks?

1 Danielle Johnson:
my boyfriend bought me these really tacky earrings (he tried) now it's a joke that i have to wear them watching each game!

2 angel:
i don't wear any of my canucks tee.. they seem to lose every time I wear it.

3 Steamworks Brewing:
I always drink from the same pint glass...unwashed. shameful? maybe. superfan? absolutely.

Today, Metro wants to know if you like that the Vancouver Canucks are playing the Chicago Blackhawks again. Have your say
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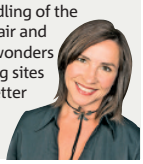
WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

Blogs SpinDoctor notices something strange about Ottawa's handling of the Guergis affair and Sexcetera wonders if pay dating sites are truly better than free ones



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Police warn of pedophile at high risk to offend again

OFFENDER Police are warning the public that a convicted pedophile deemed to be at a high risk to reoffend has been released from prison in California and plans to live in Vancouver.

Gilles Joseph Philip Godin, 55, also known as Michael Therrian, poses a risk of significant harm to the safety of children in Vancouver, police said in a release.

Gilles Godin

Godin spent 22 years in jail for sex offences against boys under 14.

He was designated a sexually violent predator in California from March 1998 to February 2010.

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Condo project going up next to Oval

RICHMOND A massive condo development adjacent the Richmond Olympic Oval will see more than 2,600 units built over the next 10 to 15 years.

The River Green waterfront community, launched yesterday in Richmond, will be developed on an 11-hectare site along the Fraser River.

The centrepiece of the development, the Oval, was the premier venue during the 2010 Games.

It will be converted this fall into a community and wellness centre that includes a track, two ice-rinks and eight basketball courts.

Phase 1 of the development, which will kick off at a launch event in May, includes 458 units.

The complex will eventually include 25 buildings and will be built to LEED silver environmental standards.

It will include indoor swimming pools, 24-hour concierges, private islands and water gardens.

According to CBC News, architect James Cheng said the dike along the river would have to be raised, the land reinforced and the buildings designed like the hulls of boats to mitigate the risk of flooding.

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Gallery to announce relocation details

The Vancouver Art Gallery is expected to announce details today about its upcoming relocation to Dunsmuir Street, adjacent to the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. The gallery long ago outgrew its current site at the old courthouse building on Robson Street. METRO VANCOUVER

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Nine dead in flu-like outbreak

ILLNESS Nine residents have died since April 5 at a Victoria hospital where an influenza-like illness has been detected, says the Vancouver Island Health Authority. Spokeswoman Suzanne Germain said yesterday that 19 people have become ill since the respiratory outbreak began at Glengarry Hospital, which is home to frail and elderly patients, many with multiple pre-existing conditions. "While we know that nine people who died had the symptoms we don't know if that was what ultimately caused them to die," she said of the patients, who were in their 80s and 90s.

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Woman stabbed at hotel bar

BALMORAL A female employee of the Balmoral Hotel in the Downtown Eastside is recovering in hospital from multiple stab wounds. Vancouver police said the 43-year-old Vancouver woman was stabbed multiple times in the torso Monday afternoon while at the hotel bar. A 38-year-old woman escorted out of the hotel for bothering patrons faces charges. LAURA FORTEY/ FOR METRO VANCOUVER

Biking to beat cancer

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When Vancouver sports radio host Scott Rintoul learned his wife, Fiona, had cancer, the self-proclaimed competitive couple decided to tackle the disease as if it were an opponent on the playing field.

They won the battle and now, just more than a year after Fiona finished chemotherapy, they will be cycling to Seattle from Vancouver to raise money for the B.C. Cancer Agency as part of the Ride To Conquer Cancer.

Last year, they joined 17,000 cyclists who raised $7 million for the cause.

"My wife … would have only been three and a half months out of chemo (during that ride)," said Scott, who hosts a show on Team 1040. "We finished together each day."

PHOTO COURTESY OF SCOTT RINTOUL

At the University of Washington in Seattle at last year's Ride to Conquer Cancer, from left, Amelia Ufford, Cristina Rodriguez, Fiona Rintoul and Scott Rintoul.

The couple had only been married a few months when Fiona — whose mother died of cancer — was diagnosed. Scott said after the initial shock subsided, they found it made them stronger.

He added that every one of us will be touched by cancer at some point and it's personal stories of other cancer patients — those he met in hospital and those of ride participants — that moved him to fundraise.

"When you're going through chemo you see the other people in the hospital and they're fighting just as hard and it may not be going as well (for them), and that's the hard part," Scott said.

"That's who you want to ride for."

News in brief

CORPSE A man's body was found by an early morning jogger on Locarno beach yesterday. Vancouver police said the body has not yet been identified and the death doesn't appear to be suspicious.

HUMAN REMAINS The Penticton Fire Department is working with the RCMP to dismantle a car recently pulled out of Skaha Lake after human remains were found inside the vehicle.

BODY IDENTIFICATION RCMP on Vancouver Island are trying to identify the remains of a body found early yesterday morning inside a burning car in Langford, near Victoria.

ANIMAL SKELETON Police have determined that a skeleton found at Lack Erroch near Mission is likely that of a bear.

RECKLESS DRIVING Abbotsford Police are on the hunt for a man they say has been driving "like a lunatic" and running people off the road, cknw.com reports.

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A great leader requires patience, a sense of humour
and an appetite for burnt marshmallows.
The downtown YMCA opens May 3. Robert Lee YMCA.ca

Backyard chicken plan not taking flight
Members of the London, Ont., Environment and Transportation Committee rejected a motion Monday to consider allowing homeowners to raise chickens in their backyards. THE CANADIAN PRESS 5

Canada

A nation of baby couch potatoes

Canada has created a nation of baby couch potatoes, where more than half of preschoolers are dangerously inactive, according to an annual report card on physical activity.

Children between ages one and five need at least two hours of exercise each day, whether it's exploring the playground, playing games or walking to the grocery store, says the 2010 report card from Active Healthy Kids Canada, released yesterday.

But less than half are getting the daily movement they need for healthy growth and development, putting them at risk for obesity and other health problems and on a slow-motion trajectory before they've finished kindergarten.

"Active play may be fun, but it's not frivolous ... Kids have a biological need to move."
Mark Tremblay, Active Healthy Kids

"Active play may be fun, but it's not frivolous," says Mark Tremblay, chief scientific officer of the research and advocacy organization. "Kids have a biological need to move."

When they are plunked in front of the TV or strapped into strollers and car seats for the sake of adult convenience, "there are measurable cognitive, social, emotional and physical consequences," he added. "We're messing with Mother Nature."

Many parents assume that because toddlers and preschoolers appear to be in perpetual motion, they're getting enough exercise. But while chasing, jumping and climbing used to be a way of life for young children, research shows that modern lifestyles are conditioning them out of their instinct to move around. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ottawa **Wireless controversy**

ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A committee of MPs heard conflicting evidence on the safety of cellphones and other wireless technology yesterday, as well as opposing views on whether Canada's safety standards are strong enough. Among those voicing their viewpoints was electrical teacher Francois Therrien, of a group called Save our Children from Microwaves, who demonstrates a microwave detector in this photo.

Crime bill could cost $10B: Study

LAW A price tag for part of the Conservatives' law-and-order agenda is about to be made public — and the number is in the billions, far higher than any previous estimates. The Parliamentary Budget Officer forecasts the cost of implementing just one of the Tories' many tough-on-crime bills is between $7 billion and $10 billion over the next five years. Kevin Page's complex investigation into the budget implications of the so-called "Truth in Sentencing" legislation — also known as the two-for-one sentencing law — is expected to be made public early next week. The report is likely to provide a showdown between Page's office and the government over its credibility. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

FUNDING Prime Minister Stephen Harper told the House of Commons yesterday there is plenty for Canada to spend its development dollars on besides abortion as he offered his first detailed comments on his government's G8 child- and maternal-health initiative for Third World countries and defended the decision to exclude abortion from the signature G8 plan.

PARLIAMENT The Speaker of the Commons ruled yesterday that the government's refusal to hand over uncensored documents on Afghan detainees violates the privilege of the House, upholding Parliament's absolute right to hold the government to account. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Malcolm X shooter released

The only man to admit shooting Malcolm X was freed on parole yesterday, 45 years after he assassinated the civil rights leader. Thomas Hagan, the last man still serving time in the 1965 killing, was freed from a Manhattan prison where he spent two days a week under a work-release program THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Victory for South Korean climber

A South Korean became the first woman to scale the world's 14 highest mountains, officials said, crawling on all fours yesterday as she reached the last summit. Oh Eun-sun, 44, left, arrived at the final, steep stretch of Annapurna in the Himalayas 13 hours after she left the last camp to beat a Spanish rival to the record. At the top, she pulled out a South Korean flag, waved, and then wept before throwing up her arms and shouting, "Victory!" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Senators poke Facebook

Four U.S. senators want Facebook to make it easier for its more than 400 million users to protect their privacy as the website develops new outlets to share personal information.

The call for simpler privacy controls came in a letter that the senators, including Charles Schumer (D-NY), planned to send yesterday to Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg.

Mark Zuckerberg

It marked the second time in three days Schumer has expressed his misgivings about a series of changes Facebook announced last week. The new features are designed to unlock more of the data the online hangout has accumulated about people during its six-year history.

Schumer sent a letter Sunday to the Federal Trade Commission calling for regulators to draw up clearer privacy guidelines for Facebook and other Internet social networks to follow.

In a written response to Schumer, Facebook vice-president Elliot Schrage said yesterday "we agree that scrutiny over the handling of personal data is needed as Internet users seek a more social and interactive experience."

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Ukraine **Parliamentary battle**

FEDIR MALUATSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Wal-Mart gender suit to go to trial

RULING A sharply divided federal appeals court on Monday exposed Wal-Mart Stores Inc. to billions of dollars in legal damages when it ruled a massive class-action lawsuit alleging gender discrimination over pay for female workers can go to trial.

In its 6-5 ruling, the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals said the world's largest private employer will have to face charges that it pays women less than men for the same jobs and that female employees receive fewer promotions and have to wait longer for those promotions than male counterparts.

The retailer has fiercely fought the lawsuit since it was first filed by six women in federal court in San Francisco in 2001 and said it would appeal the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The ruling "opens up every company in America that has employees to class actions like this," said Theodore Boutrous, the company's lead lawyer on the largest gender bias class action in U.S. history.

The company could lose billions of dollars if it is found liable and required to fork over back pay to the affected women, which lawyers say could total more than one million employees. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Schoolgirls' new walking stick nets trip to U.S.

INVENTION Watching her blind aunt and uncle struggle to navigate steep slopes and scant sidewalks, one Palestinian girl decided to reinvent the stick. Armed with spare parts that are hard to find in the West Bank, Asil Abu Lil and two classmates patched together an obstacle-detecting cane that has won them a trip to San Jose, Calif., for Intel Corp.'s international youth science fair.

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News in brief

SCOTLAND Newly released documents on display yesterday show that during the 1930s, police were convinced some sort of creature inhabited Loch Ness — so sure, in fact, that they worried about how to protect it from big-game hunters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The rise of Nick Clegg presents U.K. with a problem familiar to Canadian voters.

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There are two sides to every story

TheWestView

Unlike Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach, I've seen James Cameron's blockbuster movie Avatar.

If you haven't seen it yet, I recommend it. It's science fantasy set 125 years in the future on a planet far, far away. Earthlings, hot for a metal called "unobtanium," colonize and then push around giant, blue indigenous people in order to obtain as much unobtanium as possible.

They make a mess of beautiful Pandora, much the way the oilsands are making a mess of northern Alberta. Struck by the parallels, George Poitras, an aboriginal leader from Alberta, invited Cameron to see the oilsands for himself. Not to be outdone, Stelmach extended his own invitation, hoping to co-opt the inevitable photo op featuring the Hollywood director rescuing ducks from tailing ponds.

Cameron is probably wondering what he got himself into. It's his own fault: He threw unobtanium on the fire by calling the oilsands a "black eye" on Canada's reputation, saying it's the "wrong solution" for our energy requirements. Well, the reason the oilsands exist at all is that they are the only solution, as all the alternative energy sources don't even come close to meeting our needs — and they come with their own problems.

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If you don't think those are serious, you're not familiar with the giant stink in B.C., my home province, over hydroelectric power, generally viewed as clean energy when compared to petroleum.

Avatar is a cautionary tale about what happens when greed rules. I won't spoil the ending; there are still plenty of people who want to see it — it's the fastest selling home video of all time: 6.7 million copies in four days.

Not bad for a retelling of the old Cowboys vs. Indians dusters we cut our teeth on, although this time, the Indians are the good guys.

But look, it's a fantasy. Here on Gaia, Cameron needs plenty of unobtanium to power his 8,272-square-foot mansion, dirt bikes, Ducati, Ford GT, Corvettes, submersibles, etc. At one point, he owned a helicopter. He flew a private jet to protest the construction of a dam in Brazil. I'm not saying he's a hypocrite — but he lives in Malibu, for goodness sake — and is at the very least conflicted.

So, Ed Stelmach should rent Cameron's movie. He might look at the environment as something other than a necessary evil. And Cameron should visit Stelmach's oilsands and find out what makes his ginormous carbon footprint possible.

And then the two of them should get real.

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Word on the street: If you could fill the governor general position with any Canadian you wanted, who would it be?

Leanne Smith
Vancouver
A: Wayne Gretzky because of who he is and his accomplishments.

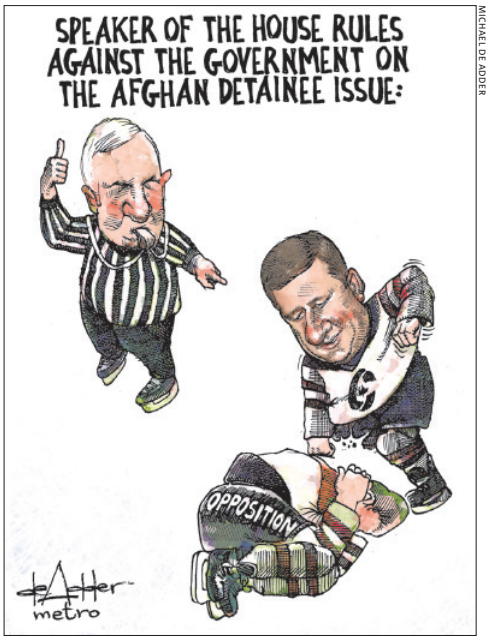
Tom Hazelton
Vancouver
A: Rick Hansen is a good choice because of his inspiring background. I feel the rest of Canada doesn't know him well enough.

Megan Hicks
Vancouver
A: Everyone wants it to be William Shatner. I think he did such a good job representing us at the Olympics.

Barry Symbaluk
Edmonton
A: I'll have to go with Don Cherry. I'd think he'd make a good governor general because he's pretty political. He's also really opinionated and definitely Canadian.

Seanna Harkness
Toronto
A: Mike Meyers. He's intelligent and compassionate, and he always sticks up for Canadians. Plus he's funny.

Greg Lawson
Halifax
A: Romeo Dallaire. He's done a lot for this country. I think he's very deserving.



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Business

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Dubai Armani in the sky

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Italian fashion designer Giorgio Armani, left, claps with Emaar Properties chairman Mohammed Al Abbar yesterday during a press conference at the opening of Armani Hotel in Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Consumers still cautious: Poll

All the economic indicators have been pointing up, but Canadians have yet to fully buy into the economic recovery, a new survey suggests.

The Conference Board of Canada's consumer confidence index fell a surprising and statistically significant 7.8 points this month to 84.8, the lowest it's been since December.

The gloomy finding comes as a U.S. survey found consumer confidence there rising, although the mood of Americans remained far more pessimistic in comparison with Canadians.

"It's a little bit disconcerting when we've had a lot of positive news of late," said Todd Crawford, an economist with the Ottawa-based think-tank.

While employment has been trending up, Canadians may be disappointed with the pace of job creation, Crawford said, adding that they may also have been influenced by expectations that the Bank of Canada plans to start raising interest rates.

Canada's chartered banks have already stepped ahead of the curve with a string of rate hikes that have added about one per cent to the fixed rate on longer-term mortgages. The Royal Bank and TD Bank edged rates up slightly again Monday by 0.15 per cent.

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Loonie dives

- Canada's dollar plunged more than a cent and a half yesterday after traders turned to the U.S. dollar as fears grew about a worsening European debt crisis.

Goldman Sachs officials grilled

SENATE Top Goldman Sachs officials defended their conduct in the financial crisis before a Senate panel yesterday, flatly disputing the U.S. government's fraud allegations against the giant financial house.

But the officials ran into a wall of bipartisan wrath before a Senate panel investigating Goldman's role in the financial meltdown and the Securities and Exchange Commission fraud suit against the organization and one of its traders.

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iPhone probe leads to police seizures

TECH Authorities seized computers, digital cameras, a cellphone and other items from a technology blog editor who posted pictures and details of a lost iPhone prototype.

A computer-crime task force made up of multiple law-enforcement agencies searched Gizmodo editor and blogger Jason Chen's house and car in Fremont, Calif., on Friday, according to a statement and search-warrant documents provided by Gizmodo.

The warrant, issued by a Superior Court judge in San Mateo County, said the devices may have been used to commit a felony.

Members of the Rapid Enforcement Allied Computer Team took several computers, hard drives, digital cameras, cellphones and other gadgets, plus Chen's American Express bill and copies of his checks.

Last week Gizmodo posted photos of an Apple device that appeared to be a next-generation iPhone. It had been found in a bar in Redwood City and sold for $5,000 by an unknown person to Gizmodo, a gadget blog owned by Gawker Media Inc. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ford bounces back from 2009

FORD Ford Motor Co. said yesterday it earned $2.1 billion US in the first quarter, another sign the economy is improving as people spend more on big-ticket items like cars. The automaker expects to be solidly profitable this year, a year earlier than its previous guidance.

Ford said its net income per share was 50 cents for the quarter. That's an about-face from the same period last year when it lost $1.4 billion, or 60 cents per share, at the height of the recession. It was Ford's fourth straight positive quarter and its highest quarterly profit in six years.

Ford, the only Detroit-area automaker to shun government aid and stay out of bankruptcy protection last year, gained market share from crosstown rivals General Motors Co. and Chrysler Group LLC.

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Flyers' Laperriere likely done for season

The Philadelphia Flyers say forward Ian Laperriere has a brain contusion and mild concussion and is probably out for the rest of the season. Laperriere was hit by a puck blocking a shot during the third period of Thursday's first-round playoff game with the New Jersey Devils. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Savard given OK to play

Marc Savard has been cleared to play and will be available for the Boston Bruins' second-round playoff series against Pittsburgh or Philadelphia. Bruins general manager Peter Chiarelli made the announcement yesterday during a conference call, saying Savard was tested by Dr. Jeremy Schmahamann the previous day and got the OK to return to the ice. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Searching for redemption

With bad blood looming, Canucks want to atone for last year

The Vancouver Canucks are going to find out if it's dangerous to get what they wished for.

The Canucks will have a chance to settle an old score when they face the Chicago Blackhawks in the NHL Western Conference semifinal. The best-of-seven series will open in Chicago Saturday.

It is a rematch many of the Canuck players wanted. Chicago eliminated Vancouver in six games in last year's conference semifinal.

"There is a lot of history and bad blood there," defenceman Shane O'Brien said yesterday. "Every guy in the room remembers the feeling of leaving Chicago last year. It was one of the worst feelings I had ever been through.

"We definitely want to get some redemption on those guys."

Chicago defenceman Duncan Keith was asked if the teams don't like each other.

"It's pretty easy to say that," Keith replied.

Canuck goaltender Roberto Luongo had tears in his eyes after allowing seven goals in the final game of last year's series.

"That's long gone for me," said Luongo. "You live and learn from those things.

"It was a tough way to go out, but sometimes in life you've got to learn from your bad experiences and move on and use them in the future."

Bad blood boiled between the teams this year.

Canuck defenceman Willie Mitchell flattened Jonathan Toews with a hit last fall that knocked the Chicago centre out of several games with a concussion.

In January, Vancouver's Ryan Kesler and Chicago's Andrew Ladd fought in a game. Afterwards, Kesler called Ladd a coward and accused him of breaking his nose with a cross-check during the playoffs.

Kesler was careful yesterday when talking about Ladd.

"I'm not too worried about him," he said. "I am more worried about winning the series and trying to get even that way.

"No payback. I'm just looking at winning the series."

Canuck coach Alain Vigneault said a certain amount of disdain for each other is normal during the playoffs. "We're starting ahead of the schedule, I guess, because of our playoff experience against this team," he said.

The Blackhawks advanced to the second round of the playoffs after eliminating the Nashville Predators in six games.

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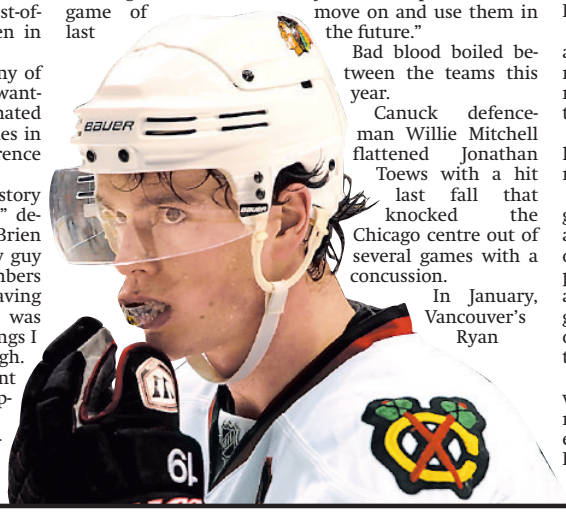

Jonathan Toews

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NBA PLAYOFFS

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Boston 96 Miami 86 (Boston wins series 4-1)
Cleveland 96 Chicago 94 (Cleveland wins series 4-1)
Dallas 103 San Antonio 81 (San Antonio leads 3-2)
L.A. Lakers 111 Oklahoma City 87 (L.A. Lakers lead 3-2)

TODAY'S GAMES

Milwaukee at Atlanta, 5 p.m. (Series tied 2-2)
Utah at Denver, 7:30 p.m. (Jazz lead series 3-1)

NHL PLAYOFFS

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Detroit 6 Phoenix 1 (Detroit wins series 4-3)

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Montreal at Washington, 4 p.m. (Series tied 3-3)

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NHL The Detroit Red Wings spoiled the big party in Arizona, bringing the Phoenix Coyotes back to Earth with a resounding thud in a 6-1 rout in Game 7 of their first-round playoff series last night.

Pavel Datsyuk scored twice in a span of less than two minutes and Nicklas Lidstrom had two goals a day shy of his 40th birthday for the Red Wings. Detroit, a Stanley Cup finalist the past two seasons, won in Arizona for the third time in the series to advance to a Western Conference second-round matchup with top-seeded San Jose.

Vernon Fiddler scored the Coyotes' only goal on a second-period faceoff.

The fifth-seeded Red Wings bombarded goalie Ilya Bryzgalov from the start, outshooting Phoenix 50-33, including 39-21 in the first two periods.

Bryzgalov held on through a scoreless first period, but Detroit scored four goals in the second en route to its first Game 7 win on the road in 46 years. Jimmy Howard made 32 saves for the Red Wings.

Coyotes captain Shane Doan, the only player still around who was on the team when Phoenix last made the playoffs in 2002, missed his fourth-straight game with an upper body injury.

The Red Wings had blown a chance to clinch the series at home on Sunday, when the fourth-seeded Coyotes won 5-2.

That set up the decisive game in Glendale, where a capacity white-clad crowd anticipated something much different than the Detroit drubbing that unfolded before them.

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Sports in brief

SOCCER Bayern Munich brushed aside Lyon 3-0 yesterday to appear in its first Champions League final in nine years. Bayern will go for its fifth European Cup against either Barcelona or Inter Milan in the May 22 final. Barcelona hosts Inter today, with Inter leading 3-1.

NBA The family of late Washington Wizards owner Abe Pollin has agreed to the "major economic terms" of a deal to sell its stake in the NBA team to Washington Capitals owner Ted Leonsis.

NFL The Carolina Panthers traded starting strong safety Chris Harris to the Chicago Bears on yesterday, continuing their offseason roster overhaul.

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Research aims for steering with eyes

Researchers at a university in Berlin have developed software that allows a driver to steer a car with his eyes. A team from Freie Universität's Artificial Intelligence Group demonstrated the system, installed in a Dodge Grand Caravan named the Spirit of Berlin. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Metro Drive

The ultimate prize

The Tesla Roadster was offered as a prize on the Earth Day edition of The Price Is Right. The eco-friendly sports car was the most expensive giveaway ever on the TV show. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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2011 Ford Super Duty

Type: Pickup truck
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Highlights

- Big improvements in fuel economy
- Big-car smoothness

Sometimes big just isn't big enough. Following the redesign of its F-150 pick-up truck, Ford now unveils the all-new 2011 Super Duty, with new diesel and gasoline engines that deliver double-digit mileage improvement.

The Super Duty comes as the F-250 and F-350 pickup; in pickup or chassis cab as the F-450; and as the chassis-cab-only F-550.

The new 6.2-litre gasoline engine produces 385 horsepower and 405 lb-ft of torque, versus the 300/365 of the outgoing 5.4-litre V8. The big news is the 6.7-litre Power Stroke turbodiesel, at 390 horses and a house-pulling 735 lb-ft of twist. That's 85 lb-ft more than the previous 6.4-litre diesel, although General Motors has recently announced that its upcoming all-new diesel will make a segment-topping 765 lb-ft of torque.

The new Power Stroke is also Ford's first North American diesel designed and built in-house, following an acrimonious divorce from previous engine supplier International.

Trucks this big are exempt from government fuel ratings, but Ford claims an improvement of 18 per cent better on diesel, and 15 per cent improvement on gasoline versus the old engines.

Using the vehicle's trip computer, and carrying four people and a 1,000-lb load, my diesel F-350 single-rear-wheel test truck registered the equivalent of 8.1 L/100 km (35 mpg) in mostly highway driving.

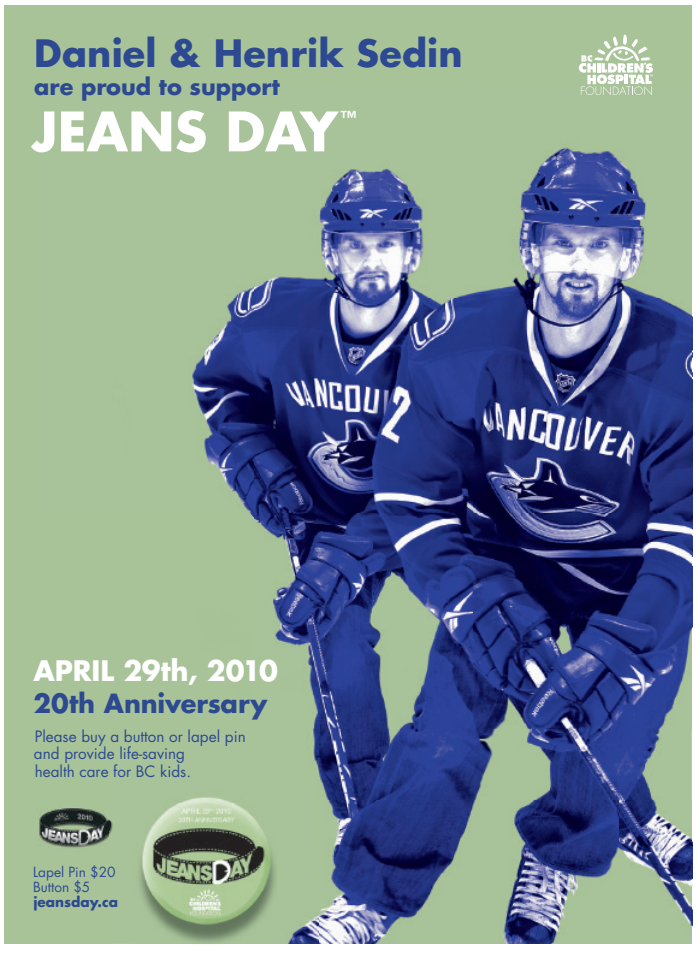
The fuel savings should help offset the diesel's hefty premium of $9,950. Equipped with gasoline engines, and available in Regular, SuperCab and SuperCrew, the Super Duty's starting prices range from $35,499 for a base Regular cab, to a high of $59,599, which gets you the F-450 dual-wheel SuperCrew.

The 2011 Ford Super Duty

The diesel is so quiet that it sounds like a gasoline engine, and the truck rides with big-car smoothness, even when there's no load in the bed.

The heavy-duty segment is small but vital, and buyers are looking for ability and economy.

With this new truck, Ford is coming to the job site with both.



New designs on China

AUTO SHOW Nissan's Teana sedan has a full-size back seat, conservative looks and a reasonable price — just the thing for a Chinese entrepreneur with a family.

That Chinese buyer is why the car exists, says Nissan. Nissan says the Teana, though also sold in Japan and other countries, was created with China in mind — one of a growing number of models designed by global automakers for the world's biggest car market.

"The Teana is a Chinese product," said Nissan Motor Co.'s CEO, Carlos Ghosn, at the Beijing auto show. "Without any doubt, the Chinese consumer now is becoming a big target for a lot of products that we are developing."

China's car buyers have become an important force in the design decisions of automakers from Nissan to General Motors Co. to Volkswagen AG. Their influence is starting to be seen in vehicles sold worldwide.

The Nissan Teana on display at the Beijing auto show.

The reason is obvious: China's auto market surged past the United States last year to become No. 1 at a time when sales elsewhere are so weak that major brands make most of their global profit in China.

China's growing influence echoes defining periods of expansion in the industry's history — from Europe to Detroit a century ago and the rise of Japan since the 1970s.

GM was a pioneer in designing for the Chinese market. Its Cadillac unit created its 2008 CTS for China, giving it a bigger back seat for Chinese buyers who sit in back while their chauffeur drives.

That model was sold worldwide, so Cadillac customers everywhere got the added leg room.

Other producers are following. Daimler AG's Mercedes-Benz debuted an extended E-class sedan for China at the Beijing auto show. Ford Motor Co.'s Volvo Cars and Volkswagen AG's Audi have created Chinese models with bigger back seats.

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Novel serves as spring board to tourism

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Travel

Biking the Grand Canyon

A bicycle rental program has been added at Grand Canyon National Park. Visitors will be able to rent bicycles starting May 1 from the visitor centre through the fall season, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Guided tours also will be offered. Park Supt. Steve Martin says bicycling is a good way for visitors to experience the park's popular South Rim, which has bicycle-friendly infrastructure. Bicyclists won't have to contend with private vehicle traffic in some areas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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$8 million for University of Guelph Barcode of Life Project
The Ontario government announced last week an $8.1-million investment in the University of Guelph-based International Barcode of Life project, the largest biodiversity genomics project in the world. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology

Retaining international students

This week the Ontario government announced it intends to introduce amendments to the Post-Secondary Education Choice and Excellence Act that would, if passed, allow the province to better protect students and safeguard the quality of higher education in Ontario. The amendments would strengthen the government's ability to shut down unauthorized education organizations and prevent them for taking advantage of foreign and Ontario students. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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How the top employers do it

After naming the best places to work in Canada, Great Places to Work tells us why

JON TATTRIE
for Metro Canada

A new poll reveals the top places to work in Canada, but do Coldplay concerts and tree-planting days really boost a company's bottom line?

Jen Wetherow is the director of Great Place to Work Canada. She says the company's list measures credibility, respect, fairness, pride and camaraderie.

"When you work with your people in a way that makes your employees happier, you end up with happier clients and stakeholders,'" she says.

Anyone can nominate a firm and GPTW then invites the workplaces to participate. A private survey is then sent to employees. The answers to this "trust index" account for two-thirds of a company's score. The other third comes a GPTW "culture audit" of the company's HR policies on things like maternity leave and same-sex partner rights.

"Leaders have to lead to set directions, values and priorities, but then everyone on the team has to contribute."
Environics President Bruce MacLellan

VINCE BUCCI/GETTY IMAGES

One of the things that earned Environics the the top spot on Great Place to Work Canada's list, was taking staff to Coldplay concerts.

Bruce MacLellan is president of Environics, which came in first this year. The public relations firm is known for taking staff to Coldplay concerts and the "mandatory" vacations it pays for when staff reach milestone years.

He says getting poster slogans off the walls and into real life takes work. He likens it to building a hockey team over several years.

"Leaders have to lead to set directions, values and priorities, but then everyone on the team has to contribute," he says. When MacLellan leaves early for family reasons, he lets his staff know, thereby setting the tone for a healthy work-life balance. Environics had a mini baby boom last year, creating overlapping maternity leaves that were hard to handle. It responded by improving its flex hours and guaranteeing staff a daycare spot.

"If we see people here past 6 o'clock for more than a couple of nights in a row, we see that as a problem," MacLellan says.

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UFV begins construction of new Chilliwack campus
Construction is underway at the former military engineering school at CFB Chilliwack where the University of the Fraser Valley is building a new campus. The campus plan includes an Aboriginal longhouse, a student "town hall," and an indoor courtyard. METRO NEWS SERVICES

'Kitchen sink' approach often fails with contracts

WorkplaceLaw

"The virtuous man is never a novice in worldly things."
MARCUS VALERIUS MARTIALIS

Demotions and changed responsibilities in your job can amount to constructive dismissal; an employee could then resign and sue.

Employers often take a kitchen sink approach to drafting employment contracts. They bargain for excessive protection, no matter how junior or administrative the employee. However, in seeking such protection, they sometimes get none at all.

Probationary periods:

There is no implied right to a probationary period. That is, unless a contract provides for it, it simply does not exist. Even having been dealt such an easy hand, many employers still get this wrong. It is not enough to refer to an employee as probationary. The contract must state that the employee can be fired for any reason, without pay or notice, during the probationary period. Otherwise, don't refer to a probationary period at all.

Severance provisions:

The courts still permit employers to pay dismissed employees less than what is fair. If a contract clearly permits termination upon payment of only statutory requirements, there is no right to severance, no matter how long or meritorious the employee's tenure. There is only a right to get what the contract says. However, so many of these clauses are unenforceable because of how they were drafted.

Constructive dismissal:

Pay cuts, demotions, changed responsibilities or changed geographic location can amount to a dismissal, unless a contract says otherwise. But to protect an employer against a constructive dismissal suit, the contract must provide that these "changes" have been contemplated and were specifically accepted by the employee. Many contracts don't, and an employee who is upset at the prospects of a revised job can suddenly resign and then sue.

Resignation:

If an employee who has resigned with notice is asked to leave immediately, the employee is generally entitled to pay for the remaining period of notice given. While most contracts set the period of advance notice required, few provide that if the employee is then asked to immediately leave, he or she will not be entitled to further payment.

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Music video comeback

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News

"There's a pressure to outdo oneself with every music video," admits the director Jonas Akerlund.

He's most well known for his long-time working relationship with Madonna. But lately, his music videos for Lady Gaga have been earning the most attention. There's Paparazzi, which features Alexander Skarsgård pushing the diva off a balcony. And let's not forget Telephone, the controversial but wildly good 10-minute blockbuster that has Beyoncé and Gaga raising hell as pop music's answer to Thelma and Louise.

Akerlund — who will chair the global jury for the Metro Video Challenge — opens up about his body of work.

Q Would you say that the music video has made a comeback of sorts?

A It's funny because I kind of lost interest in them for a while because it seemed like the market didn't need music videos. We were making them and they were never shown. Young artists like Gaga and the Internet helped change the life of music videos. She brought it back to the '90s when it was fun and people watched them and actually talked about them. But it's not only Gaga, it's other videos that I've done too. Maroon 5, Rammstein, Mika, these have all been very successful videos.

Q Many media outlets claimed that your music video Telephone was based on the movie Kill Bill. Would you agree with that?

A Kill Bill was never an inspiration. The only reason why people say that is because we had the car that was used in the movie. We were meant to have a different car. But just a few days before the shoot, Quentin Tarantino offered to let us use the one from Kill Bill. The whole comparison was kind of a compliment but there's a lot more to say about that video than just the car.

Music video director Jonas Akerlund is known for his work with Madonna and Lady Gaga.

Metro Challenge

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Blunt Denial
Emily Blunt turned down a role in Captain America because she didn't want to commit to a franchise, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The British actress was linked to the role of Peggy Carter, Captain America's love interest. The role went to Hayley Atwell instead. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Banking on the blockbuster

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

As we move towards summer, it seems summer moves closer to us — in terms of Hollywood anyway.

In anticipation of the blockbuster season, Hollywood is increasingly front-loading the summer with its bulkiest movies.

This year, studios are particularly pushing sequels, adaptations and remakes banking on recognized brands to bring bucks to the box office. Here are some of summer's most massive movies:

Iron Man 2 (May 7): The superhero blockbuster that kicked off the 2008 summer season returns and even the least comic-book savvy are getting excited to see the real man of steel.

Robin Hood (May 14): Ridley Scott re-teams with his Gladiator star Russell Crowe to re-imagine the classic story of one medieval man's quest to steal from the rich and give to the poor.

Shrek Forever After (May 21): Everyone's favourite lime-green ogre is back for a fourth flick ensuring Mike Myers will be able to make his mortgage payments for another year.

Sex and the City 2 (May 27): Carrie Bradshaw and the ladies reunite but move the glamorous party from Manhattan to Abu Dhabi. Presumably, Detroit wasn't sexy enough.

The A-Team (June 11): There are no in-betweens: Either you are giddy as a schoolgirl or gagging at the thought of this remake of the campy '80s TV show that starred master thespian Mr. T.

Karate Kid (June 11): Move over Ralph Macchio, Jaden Smith has come to town! In this remake of the 1984 classic, Will Smith's son stars as a martial arts prodigy to Jackie Chan.

Toy Story 3 (June 18): Buzz Lightyear, Woody and the rest of the toys find themselves in a day-care centre in this long-awaited third instalment to Pixar's hugely successful franchise.

Eclipse (June 30): The third chapter in the beloved Twilight saga, this series has turned both vampires and Robert Pattinson into teen obsessions. Coincidence? I wonder.

The Last Airbender (July 2): After 2008's disappointing The Happening, M. Night Shyamalan has his work cut out for him. Perhaps this adaptation of Nickelodeon's Asian-influenced TV series is just the remedy for salvation.

Predators (July 9): A return to Arnold Schwarzenegger's 1987 thriller, this spooky sci-fi franchise gets a face-lift thanks to producer Robert Rodriguez (Sin City).

Sex and the City 2, above, Iron Man 2, above right, and Toy Story 3, right, are among the movie sequels that Hollywood studios are pushing during this summer's blockbuster season.

Other notables

- MacGruber (May 21)
- Prince of Persia (May 28)
- Marmaduke (June 4)
- Despicable Me (July 9)
- Salt (July 23)
- The Expendables (Aug. 13)

Peanuts sold to Joe Boxer owner

You've got a new owner, Charlie Brown.

E.W. Scripps Co. said yesterday it will sell the unit that owns the licensing rights to Snoopy, Charlie Brown and the rest of the Peanuts gang for $175 million US to Joe Boxer owner Iconix Brand Group Inc.

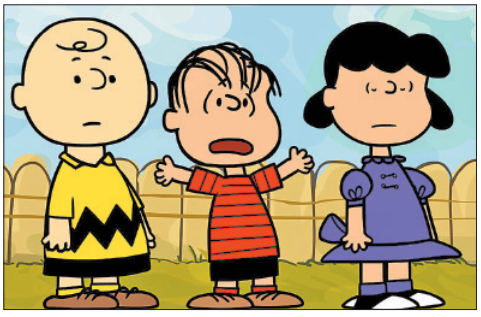
The sale of United Media Licensing also means Iconix has a new partnership with the family of the late Peanuts creator, Charles Schulz. They'll receive 20 per cent ownership in the unit that owns Peanuts and pay that percentage of the sale price.

United Media Licensing represents other character brands such as Dilbert and Fancy Nancy but the bulk of its licensing business comes from Peanuts.

The Peanuts gang appears everywhere — on T-shirts, greeting cards and sno-cone machines — six decades after the Minnesota native created them. The business has more than 1,200 licensing agreements and relationships with companies and retailers such as Warner Bros., Old Navy, CVS, MetLife Inc. and Hallmark Co. Some 20,000 new products are approved each year in more than 40 countries.

Scripps first brought the strip to market in 1950. By the time Schulz retired in 1999, Peanuts was in more than 2,600 papers. Schulz died in February 2000.

Iconix, formerly known as Candie's, expects Peanuts to generate about $75 million in annual revenue and noted a pre-existing revenue share with the Schulz family, separate from the new 20 per cent deal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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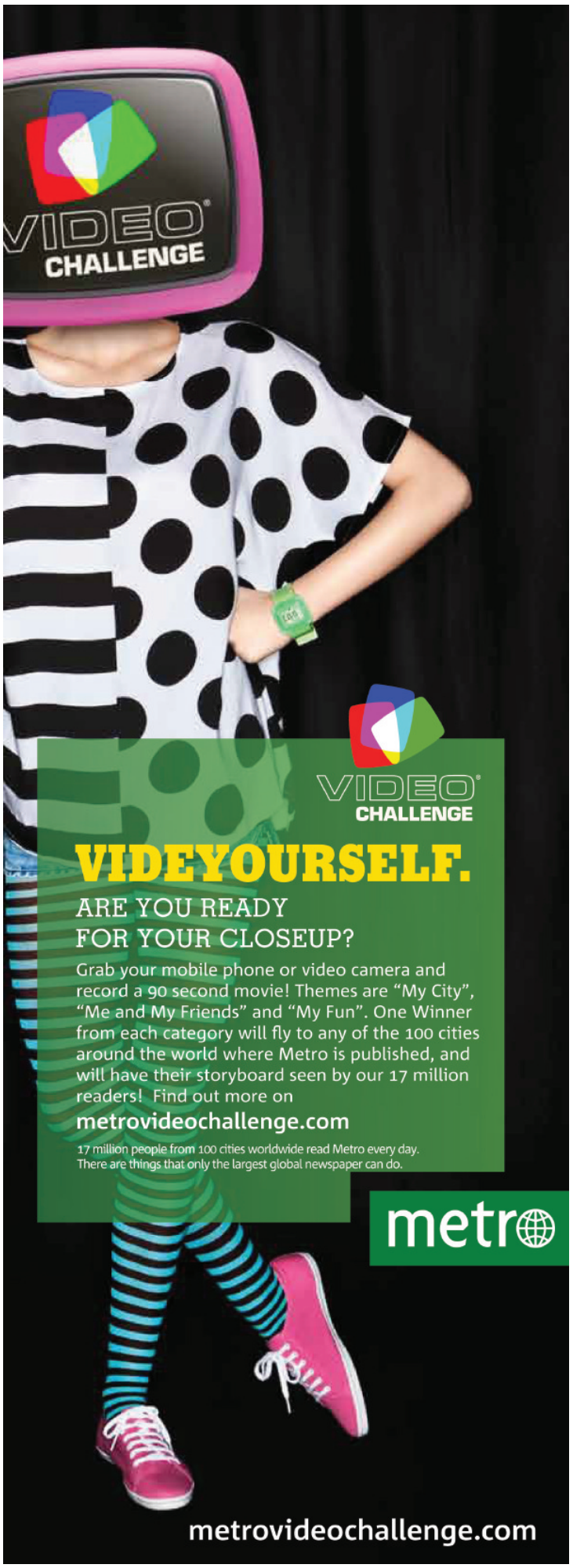
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Celebrity Buzz

Home is where the heart is

HE HAS 11 DIFFERENT HOMES Jesse James is home from rehab after a month in an Arizona facility, and according to Radar Online, he was spotted without his wedding ring on.

Those close to the Monster Garage host say he knows his time is up.

"Jesse is finally admitting to himself that he blew it," a source says.

"The marriage is over and he only has himself to blame."

Though they'd been staying with estranged wife Sandra Bullock while he was in treatment, James' three children returned to his Southern California home to greet him.

METRO WORLD NEWS

She's fallen and can't get up

LUCKILY SHE HAS LOTS OF BUILT-IN PADDING TO CUSHION HER FALL Amy Winehouse was hospitalized again recently after night out led to a nasty fall that caused damage to her ribs, forehead and recently augmented breasts, according to the Sun.

"She'd had a few drinks. At first she thought she had broken something, so she got her security to take her to hospital," a source says.

"The doctors were worried she might be concussed because she had a big bump on her head and a cut above her eye."

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Jackson splits up the kids

SORRY, BUT I HAVE TO PROTECT MY INTERESTS, I MEAN, MICHAEL'S KIDS Katherine Jackson has reportedly lost patience with some of her grandchildren, moving them out of her California home, according to TMZ.

While she has custody of late son Michael Jackson's three children, Katherine has arranged for Jacksons Jaafar, Jermajesty, Donte and Randy Jr. to be moved to a condominium owned by the family, according to the website. Sources claim the decision was prompted by Jaafar allegedly pointing a stun gun at Michael's children.

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Clarification

- Yesterday Metro ran a story about Melissa Smith, one of Jesse James' alleged mistresses, but the photo with the item was not of the Melissa Smith referred to in the story. Metro apologizes for the error.

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Today, **BILLY CORGAN** is fed up with Courtney Love, **COURTNEY LOVE** tries to play nice with Billy Corgan, and **SPENCER PRATT** isn't pleased that Lauren Conrad is returning to The Hills.

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METRO NEWS SERVICES

One hot momma

GETTIN' ALL GOOPY Gwyneth Paltrow is looking to expand her brood.

"I would love to have another child at some point. I feel very, very lucky that I have two healthy, nice ones," she tells Ellen DeGeneres.

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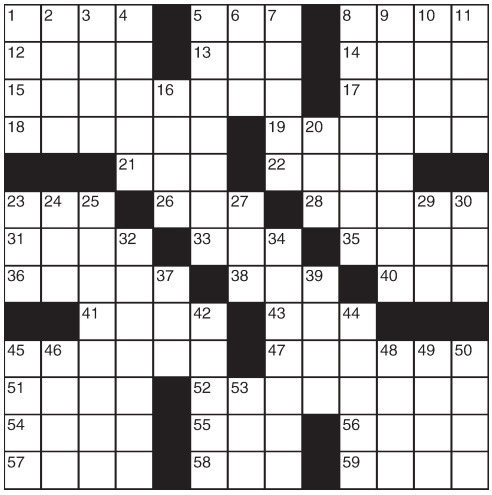
Take Five



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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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		7	5		2	1		
1				4				9
	6	1	2		9	5	4	
	4	9	7		8	3	1	
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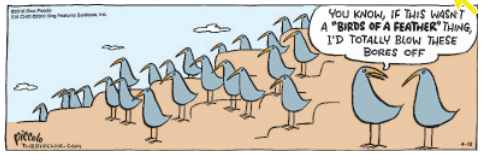

Metro Recipe of the Day

Lentils and Sausage

INGREDIENTS:

2 1/2 cups lower-sodium beef broth
1 cup dried lentils, sorted and rinsed
170 g smoked turkey sausage, sliced
1 large potato, peeled and cubed
1 large yellow onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tsp dried basil leaves
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 tsp black pepper

METHOD:

1. In large pot, bring beef broth to boil over high heat. Stir in lentils. Lower heat and simmer, covered, for 20 minutes.

2. Add sausage, potato, onion, garlic, basil, salt and pepper. Bring to boil. Lower heat and simmer, covered, for 20 minutes or until lentils and potato are tender.

SERVES 4

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For nutritional information on this and other great recipes, go to **rd.ca** or check out **Key Ingredients in this month's Reader's Digest, on newsstands now!**

Horoscopes by Sally Brompton sallybrompton.com

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
The way you look at the world has been changing and today's full moon will make it easier for you to accept that things have changed.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
The next 24 hours will be critical for a relationship that has been going through a bad patch recently. Be honest about your feelings.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
What you are working on may be interesting but it is only a small part of the bigger picture, so raise your sights occasionally.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Today's full moon cuts across the most creative axis of your chart and will encourage you to embark on a brand new adventure.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
You can learn a great deal from watching other people today, especially people you live with and work with.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
If you make an effort to talk to people today you will discover some interesting things, not only about them but also about yourself.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
If your instincts tell you to follow a certain course of action then that is what you must do. What other people think about it is of secondary importance.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Today's full moon in your sign is a powerful influence and one that has the potential to cause a great deal of disruption.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
The only reason you are worried about something is because you have no control over it. Accept that fact and stop fighting against it.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Try not to waste your time and your energy arguing with people who don't share your values. Today you will not find common ground.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
As the current full moon cuts across the home and career axis of your chart you will have to make room for both domestic and vocational aspirations.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You are a lot more sensitive than you like to admit but there will be no hiding your feelings today.

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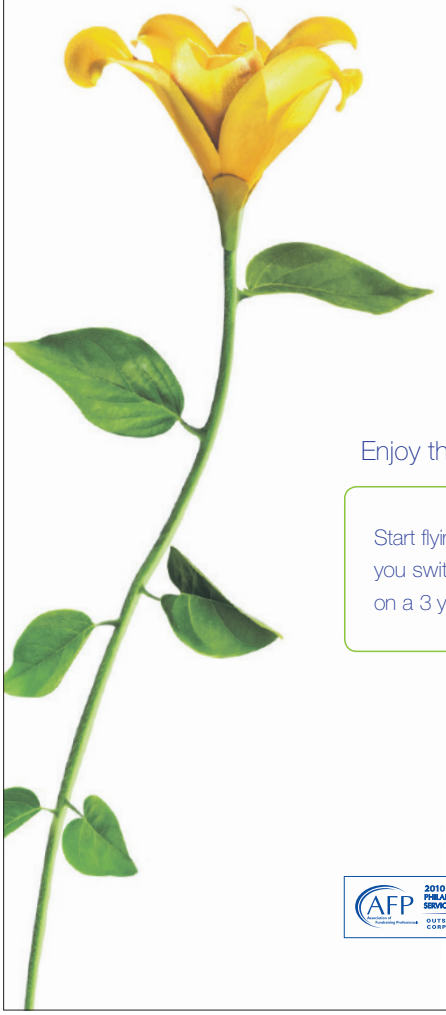

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